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ABSTRACT

A comparison of the number and percent of students subject to academic dismissal, academic probation, progress probation, the dean's list (GPA 2.00), and the president's list (GPA 3.00) at College of the Sequoias was drawn for the years 1981, 1982, and 1983. Statistics showed the following changes: (1) the number of students dismissed due to poor academic standing had increased by 80%, from 94 (1.2% of all students) in fall 1981 to 169 (2.3% of all students) in fall 1983; (2) the number of students placed on academic probation increased by 20%, from 758 (9.9% of all students) to 911 (12.5% of all students); (3) the number of students on progress probation decreased by 31%, from 454 (5.9% of all students) in fall 1981 to 315 (4.3% of all students) in fall 1983; and (4) the percentage of students appointed to the deans list decreased from 18.3% to 16.1%, while the percentage of students appointed to the president's list increased from 13.6% to 13.7%. Policy and program changes related to the increases in the numbers of students in academic difficulty and the decreases in the numbers achieving scholastic honors included a new requirement for instructors to submit their attendance policies in writing, a state-mandated drop fee, a decrease in tutorial services, the elimination of learning skills classes, and more stringent policies regarding course withdrawals and grading. (AYC)

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ACADEMIC STATUS STATISTICS COMPARISON

FALL 1981 - FALL 1983

	FALL 1981		FALL 1982		FALL 1983	
	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS
ACADEMIC DISMISSAL	94	1.2%	110	1.5%	169	2.3%
ACADEMIC PROBATION	758	9.9%	748	10.1%	911	12.5%
PROGRESS PROBATION	454	5.9%	388	5.3%	315	4.3%
TOTAL	1306	17.1%	1246	16.9%	1395	19.1%
	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS	N	PC OF ALL STUDENTS
DEANS' LIST	536	18.3%	530	18.2%	447	16.1%
PRESIDENT'S LIST	398	13.6%	370	12.7%	379	13.7%
TOTAL	934	31.8%	900	30.9%	826	29.8%
NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED	7625		7371		7288	

DATA SOURCE: BILL BETTENCOURT, DEAN OF STUDENTS

A COMPARISON OF ACADEMIC STATUS STATISTICS
FALL 1981 TO FALL 1983

The data on the preceding page shows the following changes in student academic status statistics since Fall 1981.

1) The number of students dismissed due to poor academic standing has increased 80%--from 94 in Fall 1981 to 169 in Fall 1983. This increase has been consistent from 1.2% of all students in Fall 1981 to 2.3% of all students in Fall 1983.
2) The number of students placed on academic probation has increased by 20% since Fall 1981--from 75% in Fall 1981 to 911 in Fall 1983. These numbers represent 9.9% of all students in Fall 1981 and 12.5% of all Fall 1983 students.
3) The number of students on progress probation has decreased 31%--from 454 in Fall 1981 to 315 in Fall 1983. These numbers represent 5.9% and 4.3% of the total student population, respectively.
4) The percertage of students appointed to the Deans' List has decreased from 18.3% to 16.1% of the student body, or by 17%--from 536 students to 447 students.
5) The number of students appointed to the President's

List has decreased by 5%--from 398 to 379, or from 13.6% to 13.7% of the student body, respectively.

6) The total number of students appointed to the Deans' or President's Lists has decreased by 10%--from 934 in Fall 1981 to 836 in Fall 1983.

The increase in the numbers of students dismissed and placed on probation, and the decrease in the numbers achieving scholastic honors may be explained by some or all of the following factors:

A) POLICY CHANGES

1) INSTRUCTORS NOW REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR ATTENDANCE POLICIES IN WRITING - Many instructors selected to make the students wholly responsible for dropping the class, whereas in the past the instructor would drop the students who had stopped attending by the drop deadline.

2) STATE MANDATED DROP FEE - Students who drop a class after the end of the second week of classes are required to pay an $11.00 drop fee for the first class and an additional $10 for 2 or more classes.

B) INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM CHANGES

1) DECREASE IN TUTORIAL SERVICES - Limited district funding has resulted in reduced tutoring services to all students, especially those not qualifying for EOPS, special funds for the disadvantaged, or vocational education funding.

2) ELIMINATION OF LEARNING SKILLS CLASSES - Basic skills classes in reading, math and study skills have been eliminated thus handicapping those students with deficient math and reading skills.

C) OTHER PROCEDURAL

1) The Administration adopted a firmer stance than in the past with regard to accepting drops past the deadline.

2) Instructors may be less lenient in their grading due to the numbers of students on their roll sheets who failed to drop, yet are either doing poorly or not attending.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL - Students are dismissed or disqualified if at the end of their probationary semester in which they fail to earn a C (2.00) average, their cumulative GPA falls below 1.75.

ACADEMIC PROBATION - Students are placed on academic probation whenever their cumulative GPA is less than 2.00.

PROGRESS PROBATION - Students with an accumulated total of 12 or more units are placed on progress probation when the units for which grades of "W", "I", and "NC" are recorded reach or exceed 50% of the total number of units.

DEANS' LIST - Full-time students are placed on the Deans' List who attain a GPA of 3.00 (B) or better with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 minimum.

PRESIDENT'S LIST - Full-time students are placed on the President's List who attain both a cumulative and a semester GPA of 3.00 (B) or better.

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